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SUBJECT: UK TARIFF CHANGES

1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT THE TIME OF THE DEC. 2-3
EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, SHORE, THE BRITISH
SECRETARY FOR TRADE, REVEALED THAT THE UK HAD APPROACHED
THE EC COMMISSION WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE UK BE PER-
MITTED TO POSTPONE UNTIL RENEGOTIATION IS COMPLETE THE
TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS CALLED FOR BY THE ACCESSION TREATY. ORTOLI,
AND HIS COLLEAGUES, SHORE SAID, RESPONDED EXTREMELY NEGA-
TIVELY. AS A RESULT, THE UK WOULD ON JAN. 1, 1975, MAKE THE
REQUIRED CHANGES ON SCHEDULE.

2. MISSION HAS ASKED BOTHOREL, THE COMMISSION
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR TARIFF PROBLEMS INVOLVING NEW MEMBER
STATES, WHAT THE UK MFN DUTY WILL BE IN ONE PARTICULARLY
COMPLICATED CASE, THAT OF KRAFT LINERBOARD (CST 48.01CII).
BOTHOREL NOTES THAT THERE ARE TWO SUB-CATEGORIES IN THE UK
TARIFF:

A. LINERBOARD OF MORE THAN 220 GRAMS PER
SQUARE METRE. THE PRE-ACCESSION DUTY WAS 10 PERCENT.
IN 1974 THE DUTY WAS 10.8 PERCENT (REPRESENTING A
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40 PERCENT ADJUSTMENT TO THE OLD CXT OF 12 PERCENT).

IN 1975 THE DUTY WILL REMAIN AT 10.8 PERCENT (RATHER THAN MAKE THE SMALL MOVE TO 10.6 PERCENT, WHICH WOULD BE THE LEVEL SET BY A RIGID APPLICATION OF THE RULE THAT THE UK SHOULD MAKE A 60 PERCENT ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEW CXT OF 11 PERCENT ON JAN. 1, 1975).

B. LINERBOARD OF NO MORE THAN 220 GRAMS PER SQUARE METRE. THE PRE-ACCESSION DUTY WAS 18 PERCENT. IN 1974 THE DUTY WAS 15.6 PERCENT (40 PERCENT ADJUSTMENT TO 12 PERCENT). IN 1975 THE DUTY WILL BE 13.8 PERCENT (60 PERCENT ADJUSTMENT TO 11 PERCENT).GREENWALD

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